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Council of Scholars Is Established

Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin has announced the establishment of the Council of Scholars in the Library. These 23 distinguished scholars, representing a wide spectrum of academic fields and disciplines, affirm the Library's commitment to the circle of knowledge and to the relationship of libraries and scholarship. The Library of Congress itself is a "multi-media encyclopedia," the world's most visible symbol of an unbroken circle of knowledge.

The Council of Scholars will examine the state of knowledge in various disciplines and explore the extent to which the Library's collections effectively support active research in these areas. This inventory of knowledge will serve as a guide for scholars who wish to explore neglected areas as well as point to those subjects which have been more fully explored. Under its auspices, a symposium on creativity will be held on November 19-20 at the Library of Congress in cooperation with and with the support of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Financial assistance was provided by the Chevron Family of Companies, U.S.A.

The Council of Scholars will be supported by private funding. Membership will rotate on a two-year basis. The first members of the Council of Scholars, their institutions, and fields are Meyer H. Abrams, Cornell University, English literature; James S. Ackerman, Harvard University, fine arts; Paul Berg, Stanford University, biochemistry; Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar, University of Chicago, astrophysics; Philip D. Curtin, Johns Hopkins University, history; Elizabeth Eisenstein, University of Michigan, history; John Hope Franklin, University of Chicago, history; Jacob W. Getzels, University of Chicago, education and behavioral sciences; Nathan Glazer, Harvard University, education and social structure; Chauncy D. Harris, University of Chicago, geography; Gerald Holton, Harvard University, physics; Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State, 1973-1977; Maxine Kumin, Library of Congress, poetry; Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress, 1939-1944, literature; Myres S. McDougal,

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In addition, there will be a small group of resident scholars, chiefly from abroad, who will pursue individual research projects in the Library's collections as well as work with the Library staff to strengthen its resources for scholarship in various fields.

For more information about the Council of Scholars, call John C. Broderick (202-287-5543) or James H. Hutson (202-287-5384).

Over 300 Readers Interviewed in "Books Made a Difference" Project

Over 300 people across the country have been interviewed about books that influenced their lives as part of "Books Make a Difference," an oral history project sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. The interviews will be edited and excerpts will be made available to libraries, bookstores, and radio stations for local reading promotion efforts. The Center for the Book hopes the project will stimulate advertisements and articles on behalf of books and reading in all media. A final report recommending ways that the interview excerpts and the "books make a difference" idea might be used at the community level will be available in May 1981. Libraries and other institutions wishing to receive a copy of this report should write the Library of Congress, Center for the Book, Washington, D.C. 20540.

The interviews are being conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Sabine, who are visiting approximately 50 cities and towns throughout the United States. Those interviewed include the famous and the not-so-famous: Nobel Prize winners, television personalities, hikers in the Grand Canyon, and high school students in an English class in Cheyenne, Wyo. Thus far public librarians in the following cities have cooperated in the project: Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, and Fort Myers, Fla.; Atlanta, Marietta, Rome, and Athens, Ga.; Seattle and Spokane, Wash.; Moscow, Idaho; Phoenix, Ariz.; Denver and Ft. Collins, Colo.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; San Francisco and Berkeley, Calif.; and Houston, Tex. Interviews are now taking place in the Midwest and the Northeast.

The "Books Make a Difference" project was developed by the center's National Advisory Board. Ann Heidbreder Eastman, a board member and director of public affairs programs, College of Arts and Sciences, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, is project coordinator. Inquiries may be directed to her (703-961-6390) or to John Y. Cole, executive director of the Center for the Book (202-287-5221).

George Washington-"Fanny" Washington Exchange of Letters Is Recounted

The Library's Manuscript Division has recently acquired by purchase a 1793 letter written by "Fanny" Washington to the President in answer to his invitation for her to come and stay at Mount Vernon. In extending his invitation of February 24, 1793, to Frances Bassett Washington, President George Washington signed himself "Your sincere friend." Washington's concern for the young widow of his nephew, George Augustine Washington (who had died on February 5), was never more evident than in his openhearted invitation to Fanny Washington to bring herself and her children as well as a companion, Washington's niece Harriet Washington, for an indefinite stay at his estate on the Potomac. The letterbook copy of the invitation, in the Manuscript Division's Washington Papers, states:

> The object of this Letter is to convey to your mind the warmest assurances of my Love, friendship & disposition to serve you;—these also, I profess to have, in an eminent degree, for your Children.

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STAFF NEWS

Luncheon Held for Retiree Jerry James

On October 20, Jerry R. James, former field director of the Library of Congress Office in New Delhi, India (see the September 12 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin* for a related story), was

Mr. James travels in a gharry to visit government offices in Asmara, Ethiopia, in 1966.

honored at a retirement luncheon attended by a number of friends and associates. In recognition of his excellent service to the Library and the international library community over the past 14 years, Mr. James was presented with the Library's Award for Distinguished Service by Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh. Several retirement gifts were also presented to Mr. James on the occasion by Don Curran, The Associate Librarian of Congress, on behalf of colleagues here and overseas.

Daniel Leniek Retires

Daniel T. Leniek, lieutenant in the Special Police Force, retired on August 29 after approximately 37 years of Federal service.

Lieutenant Leniek was born and reared in Park Hill, Pa., and attended Conemaugh High School, where he graduated in 1940. He worked in private industry until 1942, at which time he entered the U.S. Navy. Lieutenant Leniek retired from the Navy in August 1962 after 20 years of distinguished service.

In May 1963, he joined the staff of the Library as a private on the Special Police Force. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in November 1964, and again in 1968 to the rank of lieutenant. During his tenure at the Library, he was rewarded for his excellent contributions with an outstanding performance rating and a special achievement award.

Lieutenant Leniek's many coworkers and friends in the Library gathered to honor him at a reception in the James Madison Memorial Building on Friday, October 24.

Career Planning Workshop Set for December 8

The Women's Program Advisory Committee (WPAC) will sponsor a career planning workshop, "It's Your Career—Take Charge!" on Monday, December 8, from 10 a.m. to noon in dining room A of the James Madison Memorial Building. The workshop will be directed by Johari M. Rashad, a personnel management specialist with the Office of Personnel Management. Participants will be assisted in developing long-range career strategy through the identification of their particular interests, skills, and potential. Increasing the effectiveness of employment applications will also be discussed.

The workshop is limited to the first 50 staff members who register and who have the signed approval of their supervisors. Applications are available from supervisors and the Women's Program Office, LJ G104B. Registration forms will be accepted in the Women's Program Office through November 21. Questions concerning this affirmative action effort should be directed to Rick Neldon of the WPAC Program and Publicity Subcommittee on ext. 75965.

Arts and Crafts Exhibit To Open December 8

This year's Ninth Library of Congress Employee Arts and Crafts Exhibit, which reflects a rich diversity of drawings, mixed media, paintings, photography, and stoneware characterizing the creative efforts of 64 staff members, will open on Monday, December 8. The show's 102 entries will be displayed on the sixth floor of the Madison Building (core F near the escalator) through January 11, 1981.

An annual event dating back to 1970, the exhibit is jointly sponsored each year by the Library of Congress Professional Association and the Library of Congress Welfare and Recreation Association. The series of LC Employee Arts and Crafts Exhibits has served as a forum where the ideas and artistic aims of the staff are encouraged and shared.

A Meeting of Reel People

The Library of Congress Film Club held its first open meeting on Thursday, October 23, in the Assembly Room of the Madison Building. Approximately 75 Library staff members enjoyed viewing W. C. Fields in two of his classic short films, *Golf Specialist* and *The Pharmacist*, during the lunch-time session.

Between film showings the club president, Chris

Shown at the projector during the LC Film Club's first meeting are Chris Todd, president of the organization, and Ida Eustis, secretary.

Todd, cataloger in the Performing Arts Section of the Cataloging Division, made a few comments on the nature of the club, while John Eustis, cataloger in the Audio-Visual Section of the same division, distributed detailed questionnaires sounding out potential members about their interests. The treasurer of the organization is Daphne Hawkins, cataloger of the Cataloging Division. The secretary is Ida Eustis, information resources assistant in the Library Services Division.

The film club is devoted to promoting a greater appreciation of films and is also directed toward those who wish to participate in the filmmaking process by getting involved in group film projects with other interested club members.

Among those attending the first meeting were Glen Zimmerman, Associate Librarian for Management, and Diane Dixson, order librarian in the Order Division and president of WRA. Because of Diane Dixson's active support and valued assistance and through the efforts of Leonard Scott, staff relations specialist, Staff Relations Office, and Don Jones, public facilities manager, and John Balthrop, supervisory food services specialist, both of the Buildings Management Division, the club was able to get off to a flying start.

The next film, "Easy Street" with Charlie Chaplin, will be shown at noon on Tuesday, November 18, in the Assembly Room.

For more information about the club and a copy of the questionnaire, interested staff members can contact Chris Todd in LM 516, or call ext. 78090/91. The club regularly meets every Thursday at noon in the Page School, LJ 324C.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Joyce Berry, clerk-typist, GT-2, Photodup, OP ALM 103A; Victoria Boucher, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cop Acq & Proc, OP 106-F; Helena Costa, clerk, GT-4, Photodup, 00543; Ov Op, 00439; Susan Lemm, research analyst, GS-7, FRD, 00395; Mercedes Ondich, programmer, GS-9, ASO, 00499.

Temporary Appointments: Brenda Able, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, G-113A; Thresea Donald, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, G-113A; Raymond James, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, G-113A; H. Paul Graymer, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, G-113A; Reggie McDorman, clerk, GS-4, CRS C, 00516; Garland Pittman, warehouseman, WG-4, P&S, 00725; Tamra Robinson, reference clerk, GS-3, CRS MCR, NP; Antoinette Singletary, clerk attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, G-113A.

Reappointment: Judith Freedman, research assistant, GS-7, CRS S, 00518.

Temporary Reappointments: Herbert Milliken, computer terminal operator, GS-6, CRS AIS, NP; F. Kirk Perrow III, library technician, GT-5, G&M, NP.

Promotions: Cynthia Augustine, Cop Acq & Proc, to head, Deposit Copies Storage Unit, GS-7, Cop Rec Mgmt, 00556; Karen Belanger, to reference technician, GS-7, GRR, 00740; Georgia Hendricks, NLS/BPH, to secretary (typing), GS-6, Cop Exam, 00628; Mildred Hunter, to card reprint reviser, GS-6, CDS, 00744; Thomas McGettrick, to computer systems analyst, GS-13, ASO, 00635; David Paris, to assistant production team supervisor, night shift, GS-8, CRS C, 00602; Joani Ward, to reference correspondence assistant, GS-5, GRR, 00739.

Transfers: Kathy Cropps, Cop Exam, to clerk, GS-4, CDS, 00582; Mary McSwain, GRit, to records analyst, GS-7, CS, 00547; Mary Wilson, Cop Cat, to supervisory accounting technician, GS-9, Cop Acq & Proc, 00664.

Resignations: Betty Bell, CRS F; Pamela Burke, Cop Reg; William Carney, CRS C; Carlton Durham, CDS; Stephen Lawrey, Cop Acq & Proc; Alice Mosher, CRS Gov; Eddie Neal, Col Mgmt.

Communication Subject of November Colloquium

The next Scholars Committee colloquium will discuss " Adjunct Language Systems: Drum and Whistle Languages" at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, in the Woodrow Wilson Room. The discussion will focus on surrogate languages which "are not just substitutes for language but rather extensions of the spoken language used by peoples to supplement their everyday language." The presentation will be made by Howard University assistant professor of sociology/anthropology Arvilla Payne. The commentator will be associate professor of sociology/anthropology Jane Philips, also from Howard University.

All interested persons are invited to attend the session. Scholars Committee colloquia usually last about an hour, including both presentation and discussion.

Birth Announcement

Nancy and Christoph Herin are the parents of a son, Daniel Martin, born October 21, at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md. Mrs. Herin is a cataloger in the Descriptive Cataloging Division, and her husband is a professor in the Department of Germanic and Slavic Language at the University of Maryland.

Staff Activities

Elemer Bako, Finno-Ugrian area specialist in the European Division, participated in the Fifth International Finno-Ugrian Congress, held in Turku, Finland, on August 20-27. A special symposium on August 23 to discuss the state of Finno-Ugrian library collections and services, the first of its kind in the Finno-Ugrian area, was chaired by Esko Häkli, chief librarian of the Helsinki University Library (the National Library of Finland).

All staff members enrolled in plans under the **Federal Employees Health Benefits Program** will have an opportunity to change their enrollment during the "open season," November 10 through December 5. After the period is over, enrolled employees will receive a 1981 brochure of the plan in which they enlisted. Whether enrolling in a new program or changing to another program a Health Benefits Registration Form (standard form 2809) should be completed by staff members and received by the Personnel Operations Office no later than December 5. Additional information about the various plans will be distributed to each staff member.

Reports were presented by librarians from Estonia, Finland, and Hungary, the three countries with official Finno-Ugrian languages, and from England, the Federal Republic of Germany, the German Democratic Republic, Norway, Sweden, and the United States. Dr. Bako described Library of Congress holdings and services in the Finno-Ugrian area. Following discussion of the reports, the participants constituted themselves an International Committee for Finno-Ugrian Librarianship and appointed an executive group, headed by Professor Häkli, for the development of an international program for cooperation among libraries, librarians, and other institutions and individuals interested and active in the promotion of ethnolinguistic research and services in the Finno-Ugrian area. Dr. Bako was elected representative for the English-speaking countries in this new executive unit.

Following the Finno-Ugrian Congress, Dr. Bako visited libraries and other institutions in Helsinki, Pori, and at the center of Lappish research in Rovaniemi (all in Finland), and in Uppsala, Sweden, extending existing ties and establishing new ones between local institutions and the Library and purchasing Finnish and Finno-Ugrian publications for the Library.

John Y. Cole, executive director of the Center for the Book, was a featured speaker at the annual conference of the Book Manufacturers' Institute held on October 26-28 in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Floyd D. Hedrick, chief of the Procurement and Supply Division, has been appointed associate editor of the second edition of the American Management Association's 1,200-page *Management Handbook.* Mr. Hedrick will be responsible primarily for the section on purchasing, transportation, and physical distribu-

tion. Mr Hedrick is also a member of the Purchasing Council of the 85,000-member organization.

Anthony Magri, searcher-filer (editor) in the Catalog Publication Division, was one of four panelists who discussed "The Transition from the Teaching World to the Business World" on October 9, at a meeting of the University of Maryland Alumni Association of the College of Education. Mr. Magri gave a brief presentation about his career at the Library, including the various steps he undertook to become an employee of the former Stack and Reader Division and subsequent promotions in the Congressional Reference and Catalog Publication Divisions.

Scott Simmon, vault/collection attendant in the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, and English film critic Raymond Durgnat are the coauthors of an article entitled "Six Creeds that Won the Western" that appeared in the September/October issue of *Film Comment* magazine.

Robert C. Sullivan, chief of the Order Division, participated in a Microforms for Libraries Seminar held in Toronto, Ontario, on October 1. The conference, attended by 40 librarians from throughout Canada, was jointly sponsored by Micromedia Limited and University Microfilms International. Mr. Sullivan presented a paper tracing the development of microforms in U.S. libraries in the past 25 years and, with other speakers, participated in a panel to answer questions raised during the day. The meeting was concluded with a tour of the facilities of Micromedia Limited in downtown Toronto.

WRA will sponsor **an autographing session for *Treasures of the Library of Congress*** on Monday, November 24, in the Whittall Pavilion from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The author of the book, Charles A. Goodrum, will be available to sign books, and The Librarian of Congress, Daniel J. Boorstin, who wrote the foreword for *Treasures,* will also be present to autograph books for part of the day.

Library of Congress staff members who purchased a copy of the book through WRA and who wish to have them autographed may pick them up in the Whittall Pavilion at the same time.

Charles A. Goodrum

Andrew Stewart, president of Abrams; Jane Lahr Gottfried, Abrams director of advertising, promotion and publicity; and Associate Librarian for National Programs Carol A. Nemeyer.

Members of the press were the guests of the Library of Congress and Harry N. Abrams, Inc., at a buffet luncheon on Thursday, October 30, to announce the publication of the new book, *Treasures of the Library of Congress*. Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin made some brief welcoming remarks to which Andrew Stewart, president of Abrams, publisher of the book, responded.

Present was Charles A. Goodrum, author of the book, whose knowledge of the Library of Congress was accumulated over his 30-year career here. Other representatives of the various custodial divisions of the Library also attended the luncheon.

The luncheon offered an opportunity for members of the press to examine the book itself, to meet the author, to look at some of the "treasures" of the Library that are pictured in the book (displayed for the occasion in the Whittall Pavilion), and to talk with Library staff to pursue questions of interest at greater length.

Treasures of the Library of Congress is now available for sale at the Library's Information Counter and in bookstores around the city and was offered to Library of Congress staff last month at considerable discount by the Welfare and Recreation Association (through an arrangement with the publisher). WRA will sponsor an autographing session on November 24 when the copies ordered by the staff are distributed.

For many years, Washington's invitation of February 24, 1793, and his tempered response (March 17) to Fanny's reply, have been known in their letterbook form in the Washington Papers.

The Library's new acquisition is the central, holograph letter in this exchange, Fanny's heartfelt response to Washington's invitation. Dated Hanover, March 5, 1793, Fanny's letter reveals her touching reaction to the President's expressed concern. The letter is not cited in the seventh and concluding volume of Douglas Southall Freeman's standard biography (completed by J. A. Carroll and M. W. Ashworth in 1957) and may not heretofore have been known.

I trust the warmest acknowledgements of gratitude & affection will not be less acceptable to you, because offer^{d} by an afflicted heart; it has been the will of God to visit me with heavy causes of sorrow, & not to receive them as such, wou^{d} argue an insensibility to his dispensations—Yet do not think my dear Sir, that your kind advice is lost upon me, I hope the grief I feel is not altogether inconsistent with reason & resignation . . . it wou^{d} illy agree with these principles, if I cou^{d} not add with the greatest truth that your professions of friendship for me & mine, are my chief support & comfort—

The remainder of Fanny's letter illuminates her perplexity in fulfilling her late husband's intentions concerning the use of her properties while trying to

respond properly to Washington;s somewhat overwhelming invitation to stay at Mount Vernon. The young widow assures the President that if he wishes her to be present when he briefly visits Mount Vernon in April, she will borrow her brother's carriage to do so. Fanny Washington's last sentence conveys the depth of her feelings: ". . . that it may be the will of providence, long to continue every blessing to you, is the fervent prayer of dear Sir, your ever gratefully affectionate Frances Washington."

In his response of March 17, Washington reassured Fanny on several points including the outright gift of a carriage for her personal use; the assurance that he did not expect her to come to Mount Vernon during his April visit there; his taking over the education of her son, Fayette; the replacement of a dishonest overseer at Fanny's Fairfax plantation; and his careful oversight of the carpenters at her Alexandria residence. Taken together, the three 1793 letters of February 24 (the open invitation), March 5 (the heartfelt response), and March 17 (Washington's taking charge) form an eloquent sequence which demonstrates Washington's personal warmth to members of the extended presidential family as well as his authoritative, confident handling of their affairs. Fanny's March 5, 1793, letter has been added to the Washington Family Papers in the Manuscript Division. [*Paul G. Sifton*]

Poet and Novelist Will Read in December 2 Literary Program

Poet David McAleavey and novelist Susan Shreve will read from their work in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium on Tuesday evening, December 2, at 8 o'clock. No tickets are required for the program, which is sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund. Following the reading, the audience will have the opportunity to meet the authors.

David McAleavey was born in Wichita, Kans., in 1946. He attended Cornell University, where he received the A.B. degree *summa cum laude* in 1968. He then attended the University of California at Berkeley for a year, returning to Cornell for both M.F.A. and Ph. D. degrees (1972 and 1975). Since 1974, he has been teaching creative writing and American and English literature at George Washington University.

Mr. McAleavey's first nationally published poem appeared in *Epoch* in 1968. In 1968-69, he was poetry editor of *Occident* and subsequently published work in *Chicago Review*. *Sterling 403*, his first book of poems, was published in 1971. Since then, his poems have appeared in a wide range of periodicals, including *Poetry, Virginia Quarterly Review, Poetry Now, The Little Magazine, Seneca Review,* and *Chowder Review.* His other books of poetry are *The Forty Days* (1975) and *Shrine, Shelter, Cave* (1980).

The daughter of a journalist, Susan Shreve was born in Ohio in 1939 and grew up in Washington, D.C. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, she and her husband lived in England where she taught in English public schools. She later lived and worked in Philadelphia, Pa.; Charlottesville, Va.; and Houston, Tex. She did graduate work at the University of Virginia, where she studied with Peter Taylor.

Her first novel, *A Fortunate Madness,* was published in 1974, followed by *A Woman Like That* in 1977 and *Children of Power* in 1979. "Miracle Play," her most recent novel, will be published in 1981. She has also written four novels for children and has two others forthcoming in 1981.

Susan Shreve is now associate professor of English at George Mason University. She was the Jenny McKean Moore lecturer in creative writing at George Washington University in 1977-78. She received a Guggenheim Fellowship to complete her fourth novel in 1979-80. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and P.E.N., and she is on the board of the Associated Writing Programs.

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